

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1902.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The Panama Canal is no nearer being an accomplished fact than it was a year ago, and it never will be started, not to speak of completed, while the transcontinental railroads continue as influential as they now are with the United States Government.

It is evident that the present storm session of congress will be given over to talk on trust evil, and it is fully as evident that the talk will have no result. It would be asking too much of a Republican administration to expect it to do anything that would be disagreeable to the trusts. The trusts have been created by the Republican policies and in return that party has been given the solid support of all the allied trusts. The Republican party protects the trusts and the trusts furnish the immense corruption funds that have enabled the Republicans to carry the last two elections. The trusts and the Republican party are mutually dependent and neither will do anything to embarrass the other. There may be a flood of anti-trust bills introduced in Congress and weeks may be devoted to the making of anti-trust speeches but no bill that will curb the trusts or curtail their power to rob the public has the ghost of a chance to become a law while the Republican party is in power.

Gen. DeWet's book makes it plain that not all of the Boers were heroes and patriots. He attributes the overthrow of the Boer cause to the traitors and cowards in the Boer ranks and not to the power of the English army or the ability of the English leaders. Gen. DeWet is probably better able to express an opinion than any other man and his statement will have weight with military critics and future historians of the Transvaal war. To a man of DeWet's stamp the bitterest part of the Boer defeat is undoubtedly the knowledge that it was made possible by the cowardice and treachery of his own people for whom he was fighting.

If it be proven true that Ex-President Kruger and Dr. Leyds have in their possession two and a half million dollars belonging to the defunct Transvaal Republic, which they refuse to turn over to Gen. Botha and other Boer leaders, who have accepted the fact of British sovereignty in good faith, for the relief of the Boer people their reputation as disinterested patriots will suffer a serious blow in the estimation of the world.

The vital matter in the assessment of property for taxation is not whether property be returned at sixty per cent of its market value, or at any other per cent, but whether it is all returned and assessed at the same rate so that each man bears his just share of the burden of taxation. The thing that hurts a man is not that he is required to pay ten dollars taxes, but that his neighbor who has five times as much taxable property as he has does not pay five times as much taxes. It is not so much the average low valuation of property that demands a charge as the inequality of the assessments, as between man and man. An inspection of the tax books for any township will disclose facts that will show what we mean. One man is paying taxes on the full market value of his property, another on sixty per cent., another on forty per cent, another on twenty-five, while still another pays on only a ten per cent valuation and congratulates himself that he is sharp enough to escape so lightly. When it comes to making tax returns a small matter like false swearing cuts no figure with a tax dodger. The more property a man has, particularly if the property be in the shape of cash, notes or other negotiable paper, the greater opportunity he has for tax dodging, and there are few who resist the temptation to dodge. No one cares whether the assessment be on a sixty per cent valuation or on a ten per cent valuation, but there should be some means of making all assessments on the same basis and forcing the tax dodgers to make honest returns.

The thinning out of the old line Republican leaders in this State by death leaves more room and better opportunities for office getting for the latter day converts to the faith.

Associate Justice Pope is accused of being slated for the Chief Justiceship to succeed Chief Justice McIver. Why the accusation is made against him we do not know; in fact, we do not understand why anyone should wish to participate in the making of a Supreme Court slate with the name of Judge Pope at the top. If we are to accept the confidential statements of many members of the bar, there are many lawyers in the State who are far better qualified than Judge Pope

for the Chief Justiceship. We have nothing against Judge Pope, but we hope the slate will be smashed and an abler jurist elected. If the lawyers who are members of the Legislature will only talk out in meeting and say what they think, or at least what they say they think, the slate will be smashed.

PORTRAIT GALLERY OF CAROLINA GOVERNORS.

A Plan That the New Secretary of State Hopes to Carry Out Very Soon.

The incoming secretary of state, Mr. J. T. Gantt, has been working for some time upon a plan for securing to be hung in the State capitol portraits of all the governors of South Carolina from colonial days down to the present time. In the meantime he has been trying to locate as far as possible the whereabouts of existing portraits. His idea is to have all such given over to the custody of the State and failing in that to have copies made, getting the legislature to make an appropriation therefor. He believes that recent governors and their friends will give their portraits if requested for this purpose.

Mr. Gantt has located original portraits of Nathaniel Johnson and Thos. Bronghton and there is one of Christopher Gadsden by Reynolds in Sumter.

The following letter recently written to the owner of the portrait referred to shows that Mr. Gantt is already at work:

"I am informed that you have in your possession portraits of Governors John L. Manning and J. B. Richardson, and I write you requesting that these pictures be turned over to the State for preservation. They would be absolutely safe from fire or other damage in the State capitol, and I assure you that they would be preserved and protected in every way. They would prove of interest to the people of the State.

"I understand that one of these portraits is damaged to some extent. I would have them put in the best possible condition, and in the event that you attach the condition to them they would be returned to you on demand at any future time.—The State.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION. The First Session Held Last Night—Officers Re-Elected.

Greenville, S. C., December 1902.—The State convention met tonight at 8 o'clock. The first service opening the convention was the sermon. One the rostrum with the preacher, Rev. W. S. Dorsett, were Revs. Z. T. Cody, J. D. Pitts, D. W. Key and J. D. Chapman. The preacher, after offering a strikingly earnest prayer, announced II Cor. iv. 18 as his text: "While we look not at the things seen but at those things that are not seen which are eternal and in visible." At the close of the sermon Dr. D. W. Key read a telegram from Atlanta announcing the death of Rev. L. T. Tichenor, D. D., formerly corresponding secretary of home missions, and he called on Rev. W. T. Tate to lead in prayer. The congregation stood and sang "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

President D. W. Key called the convention to order and the roll of delegates was called by Secretary C. P. Ervine.

On motion of R. T. Marsh the incumbent president was reelected by acclamation, so were the vice presidents E. T. Atkinson of Chester and C. A. Smith of Timmonsville.

Rev. C. P. Ervine and V. I. Masters were reelected secretaries and Zimmerman Davis, treasurer.

W. W. Keys made a partial report on order of business.

The address of welcome was delivered by H. T. Haynsworth, Esq., who was very felicitious in his remarks. This was responded to by C. C. Brown of Sumter, who with pathos and humor charmed his audience.

After prayer by G. E. Spruit, the convention adjourned to meet at 10 a. m., tomorrow.

The South Carolina Baptist State Convention meets upon a basis of two delegates to each association in the State and one for each \$2,500 paid to State missions. There are about 500 delegates. Of this number about 275 have been heard from through the committee on hospitality. This is a representative gathering in more than one sense, as they are representatives of a denomination 100,000 strong, composing 910 churches with 410 ministers. Their contributions last year to various benevolent objects were \$217,234.62. Expressions from gathering delegates and through the Baptist Courier for last month indicate a readiness for a forward movement for another year, and it is expected that this will take shape in the convention.

GULLON'S ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Prohibits Interstate Commerce in Trust Articles—The Fines.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Cullom today introduced a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. It prohibits interstate commerce in articles produced by trusts, the penalty for violations being a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000.

The bill authorizes the attorney general or any State attorney to make application to the federal judges for the summoning of persons before them to answer questions as to material violations of the anti-trust law in advance of the trial of a case, and requires the judges to issue orders for the appearance of such persons upon this application. In such cases witnesses are to be protected against prosecution on account of their violations, but they are to be deprived of the right to refuse to answer because of self-crimination. Annual reports are required to be made by all persons, firms or corporations engaging in interstate commerce. There are to be filed with the interstate commerce commission and they are to be subject to the scrutiny of the attorney general, but not of the general public. The attorney general is authorized to appoint special agents to be engaged in seeking out violations of the law.

THE MESSAGE READ.

There is Nothing in it to Startle Anybody.

EVEN WALL STREET IS SAFE.

The President's Well-Known Views on Public Questions Given Expression in His Message.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The president's message was sent to congress shortly after the opening of today's session at noon. It was read to both houses. The message consists of about 10,000 words and is shorter than the average president's message in recent years. It is not startling in any of its recommendations and if Wall Street shies at it they will do the unexpected. The principal points touched on are these:

The trusts, which the president urges should be regulated by congress under power to regulate interstate commerce with a view to destroying only the evil in them. If this power does not exist then he wants a constitutional amendment.

The tariff, which he thinks has a bearing on the evils of the trusts and which should be modified in the main by reciprocity treaties, the principles of protection being always kept in view.

The currency system, which he thinks should be changed, he does not say how, to give the country an adequate supply of currency.

Labor and its right to organize, which he recognizes, but which he says must be kept from doing evil, just as capital organized into so-called trusts should be prevented from doing evil.

The army, which he compliments highly for its work in the Philippines. He recommends the passage of the general staff and re-organization of militia bills by congress.

The navy, which he says must be increased as to ships and personnel as a guarantee of peace and as a weapon to enforce the principles which we have already laid down.

Reciprocity with Cuba as the duty of the strong to the weak and as an implied obligation assumed by us by reason of the Platt amendment.

The creation of a secretary of commerce to sit in the cabinet.

The passage of an immigration law similar to that which passed the house at its last session.

Minor recommendations are brief. He wants no halting in building the navy. He says rural free delivery is now a success. Arid lands should be reclaimed by irrigation. Alaska laws are a discredit to the nation. Indians are to be absorbed ultimately. Scientific aid should be given the farmers.

TRUSTS BEGIN FIGHT.

Lobby in Washington to Block Hostile Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 2.—J. P. Morgan and his close financial associates have engaged a large suite of rooms in a leading hotel here for the congressional session. From these headquarters the great money interests of the country will wage relentless opposition to the proposed enactment of anti-trust legislation.

The struggle begins today with the introduction of Senator Cullom's anti-trust bill. Efforts will be made to shut off publicity to the measures.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—Judge Parnell in the United States Circuit Court today appointed Augustus Mullier and T. C. McNeely receivers for the Carolina Northern Railroad, from Lumberton, N. C., to Marion, S. C., the Atlantic Seaboard Company (a construction company) and the southern Mills and Lumber Company, all allied companies. The property involved is estimated at \$1,200,000. It is stated that the financial troubles are due to no poverty of the country, but to a scarcity of cars to move traffic, the railroad company being in need of Philadelphia, where its stocks and bonds have been floated heretofore. Receiver Mullier believes the receivership is only temporary, and is confident the road will soon be extended south toward Charleston and north toward Durham and Raleigh to make it a coal carrying road. The Construction Company has served its purpose and will be dissolved. Its principal assets being bonds of the Carolina Northern necessitated the receivership for it. James H. Pon, of Raleigh; Thomas Price, of Salisbury, and Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, are counsel applying for the receivers.

Columbia, Dec. 2.—The estate of Mr. R. S. Pringle has been awarded damages to the extent of \$5,000 in the suit against the Guild Contracting company of Chattanooga. The case has been before the United States circuit court since last Friday. Mr. Pringle fell into a shaft in the sewerage excavations on August 4th last and died 11 days later.

City Treasurer Hurst had many callers Monday who wanted to pay their taxes without the penalty. He has accepted all money tendered, but the question of remitting the penalty or granting an extension of time is one that the Council must settle.

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 1, 1902.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

Whereas, James McCoy made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Thomas Levan, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Thomas Levan, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, S. C., on Dec. 18th, 1902, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 3d day of December, A. D., 1902.

THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

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JUST ARRIVED

Thirty Head Choice HORSES AND MULES.

This shipment contains some of the smoothest and nicest mules ever brought to this market. Come and see them, whether you wish to buy or not. A look will be worth the trouble. Respectfully,

ANSLEY D. HARBY.

Sept 17

Wedgefield Items.

The writer is numbered among the disappointed hunters that came home last Thursday night with so little game, but the day was very windy and cold, so game was scarce.

Mr. W. D. Simpson of Columbia and Miss A. Elise Singleton were quietly married at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. R. R. Singleton on last Thursday afternoon. They left on the evening train for Washington and other northern points.

Rev. T. E. Hodges left for Newberry yesterday to attend conference. Bro. Hodges has only been with us one year, he carried a very good report from his circuit, so it is hoped he will be sent to labor among us another twelve months.

Mr. G. S. Hinson who received injuries several days ago necessitating his going to bed, I am glad to say is up again and is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow are attending the Baptist State Convention which is in session in Greenville this week.

Mrs. R. R. Singleton and daughter Miss Decca have returned to Charleston after quite a lengthy and pleasant visit to their old home.

The rains of the past few days has checked the opening of cotton which began in earnest after the frosts of Thursday and Friday nights.

Mr. L. L. Thomas is with us again, so I warn delinquent subscribers or he will be calling on you soon. Mr. Thomas drives through the country every fall from his home in N. C., and spends the winter with his son Mr. Frank E. Thomas and though advanced in years he is as hale and hearty as a man of forty. As a pastime he usually looks up subscribers who are in arrears for several of the Sumter papers.

More than a century ago the fear of being buried alive led to the establishment in German cities of mortuary chambers, in which bell rope is placed in the hands of each corpse. In his recent volume on "Death and Sudden Death" Prof. Brouardel declares that there is no case on record of that bell having ever been rung anywhere.

It is reported that, owing to the great scarcity of coal and wood, and expected cold weather, the price of corn whiskey is advancing. Indeed, the poor man suffereth.

Hot Supper.

A hot supper will be served at the residence of J. D. Evans on Friday night, Dec. 12, 1902, for the benefit of Pisgah Church. The public are cordially invited.

WANTED—500 cords Pine Wood 6 inches to 20 inches in diameter, sawed four feet long. Witherspoon Bros. & Co. Dec. 3-3t.

WANTED—Three thousand Pine Shingles, at \$2.50 per thousand. Apply at this office. Dec. 3-tf.

You are respectfully invited to look at my Parker, Remington Lefever, and Smith Guns. T. B. Jenkins, Jr., Nov. 26-4t.

350 TONS Prime Cotton Seed Meal; wholesale or retail. Get our prices before buying. About 200 tons prime Nitrate of Soda, \$42, Charleston. Nov. 26-1m. Wells & Edens.

CABBAGE PLANTS for sale at 20c. per 100 by J. H. Coulliette, Panola P. O., Clarendon Co., S. C. Nov. 26-1m\*

TO RENT—Near Stateburg, a six-room dwelling, store room and kitchen attached. All necessary outbuildings. Good planting lands adjoining for four plows more or less. Near church, school, postoffice and mill. Healthy. For terms apply to M. S. Burgess, Sumter, S. C. Nov. 26-2t.

WANTED—Standard yellow pine ties 6x9x8. Anderson Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C. Oct 15-2m

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS

A FEW fine Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels are offered for sale at reasonable prices. They are from the best strains and are large well marked birds.

Eggs for sale in season. The supply will be limited and orders will be filled in order of receipt.

H. G. OSTEEN, Sumter, S. C. Dec. 3-tf.

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TOPSY TURVY SALE.

An event that will make history for us. Kis Kringle is crowding us. Holiday goods demand precedence. Christmas stocks are flooding in our store, and every inch of retail space is Crushed! Crowded!! Jammed!!! We are practically snowed under, haven't breathing space. We've prepared the greatest exhibit of holiday goods we've ever displayed. Of course, you know that means the greatest ever shown in Sumter.

We are in the position of the growing boy, who wore his big brother's clothes. When he got bigger than his brother, he was out of clothes. That's our fix exactly. We've completely outgrown our surroundings, and to accommodate the in-coming carloads of Christmas goods, we must reduce our present stock. It's no fault of ours—this business is simply growing and expanding faster than we can take on space.

Friday there will be a greater outpouring of bargains than ever—the kind that so signally has distinguished this store. If you glance at them you will appreciate them.

2,500 yards Fruit of the Loom, 36 in bleach at 7 1/2c

Manning Hose—100 dozen ribbed hose, the Manning goods—you know them—all sizes, here Friday at 5c.

40 doz fine linen Huck Towels, size 22x40, worth 25c, on sale at 19c—a fine towel bargain.

Wool Dress Goods—A great clearance sale; 10 lines of new dress goods, in colors and black—are to be offered at a great cut from regular prices; see them.

100 reversible Smyrna Rugs—size 36x72—worth \$2.50, will be sold on Friday at \$1.59—not over two to one customer.

Another Embroidery Chance—Both embroidery and insertings this time, values up to 25c, all one price, 10c.

Tailor Suits—25 new, left one and two of a kind only, values up to \$10, all to be closed out Friday at \$5.

50 pieces heaviest outtings—sold everywhere at 10c, special sale 7 1/2c.

40 doz extra heavy ribbed Undervests (ladies), the best of the 25c kind, on sale for Friday at 19c.

3,000 yds best dress calicos, sold everywhere at 6 1/2c, choose here at 5c.

Dorothy Dodd the best of all shoes for women.

SCHWARTZ BROS.

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The Watchman and Southron will give you all your home news.

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